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TEACHERS DEVELOPING LESSON PLANS FOR A COURSE IN BASIC PRINCIPLES AND CONCEPTS OF PHYSICS CAN USE THIS OUTLINE. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY A COMMITTEE OF TEACHERS AND WAS BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND CLASSROOM USE. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE IS TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCIENTIFIC APPROACH AND A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF BASIC LABORATORY PROCEDURES AND EQUIPMENT THROUGH UNITS -- (1) GENERAL LABORATORY PROCEDURES, (2) PROPERTIES AND RELATIONSHIP OF MATTER AND ENERGY, (3) SYSTEMS OF MEASUREMENT, (4) FORCE AND MOTION, (5) FRICTION, AND (6) POWER TRANSMISSION. THE 48-HOUR COURSE IS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING POST-HIGH SCHOOL PRETECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHOUT BASIC HIGH SCHOOL PHYSICS. THE TEACHER SHOULD BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH PHYSICS. THIS MIMEOGRAPHED DOCUMENT LISTS TWO SUGGESTED TEXTS AND TWO REFERENCES. (HC)

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Course Description

PHY 300 PRE-TECHNICAL PHYSICS

Comprehensive review covering several of the basic principles  
of physics. The divisions included are general laboratory  
procedures, properties and relationship of matter and energy,  
systems of measurement, force and motion, friction, and power  
transmission.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### PHY 300 REMEDIAL PHYSICS

**OBJECTIVES:** To help the student develop a knowledge of the fundamental principles and concepts of physics. To acquire: an understanding of the "scientific approach"; and a working knowledge of basic laboratory procedure and equipment.

**COURSE HOURS PER WEEK:** Class, 2; Laboratory, 2.

**QUARTER HOURS CREDIT:** None.

**PREREQUISITE:** None.

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#### OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

##### I. Laboratory procedure

###### A. Preparation

1. Purpose
2. Selection of proper equipment
3. Relating the experiment
4. Equipment check

###### B. Collection and recording of data

1. Measurements
2. Use of laboratory notebook or manual
3. Calculations

###### C. Observations made

###### D. Conclusions drawn

###### E. Questions answered

###### F. Graphical presentations

##### II. Matter and energy

###### A. Properties of matter

1. Weight
  2. Volume
  3. Density
  4. Mass and inertia
  5. Porosity
- B. Forms of matter
1. Solid
  2. Liquid
  3. Gas
- C. Change of form
1. Physical
  2. Chemical
  3. Nuclear
- D. Energy
1. Potential
    - a. Position
    - b. Chemical
    - c. Nuclear
  2. Kinetic
    - a. Electrical
    - b. Heat
    - c. Sound
    - d. Light
    - e. Mechanical
- E. Relation of matter and energy
1. Law of conservation of energy

2. Law of conservation of matter
3. Law of conservation of matter-energy

### III. Measurement

#### A. Fundamental units

1. Length
2. Mass
3. Time
4. Temperature
5. Electric charge

#### B. Secondary units

1. Area
2. Volume
3. Density

#### C. Systems of measurement

1. English
  - a. Foot-pound-second
  - b. Foot-slug-second
2. Metric
  - a. Meter-kilogram-second
  - b. Centimeter-gram-second
3. Conversion factors

### IV. Force and motion

#### A. Force

1. Definition
2. Units
3. Measurement

4. Vectors
5. Composite forces
  - a. Acting in a straight line
  - b. Acting at right angle
  - c. Acting at any angle
  - d. Three or more forces acting at a point
  - e. Problem solving
    - (1) Graphically
    - (2) By trigonometry

B. Friction

1. Nature
  - a. A help
  - b. A hindrance
2. Types
  - a. Starting
  - b. Sliding
  - c. Rolling
3. Coefficient of friction
4. Changing friction
  - a. Increasing
  - b. Decreasing

C. Motion

1. Linear
  - a. Speed
  - b. Velocity
  - c. Acceleration
    - (1) Uniform



(2) Equations

2. Newton's laws

a. Law of inertia

b. Law of acceleration

(1) Metric unit

(2) English units

c. Law of action and reaction

3. Impulse and momentum

4. Rotary motion

a. Centripetal force

b. Centrifugal force

c. Angular measurement

d. Angular velocity

e. Angular distance

f. Torque

g. Power transmission

5. Periodic motion

a. Work of Galileo

b. The pendulum

(1) Period

(2) Uses

SUGGESTED TEXT: Select one.

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